

Agency and Stakeholder Meeting on Re-Opening of AllenCo Energy in University Park
May 1, 2019

Updates from Agencies and Stakeholders

DOGGR completed annual environmental and safety systems inspection at AllenCo Energy. Violations observed related to new laws governing documentation requirements. DOGGR is finalizing response to the February letter from AllenCo Energy (response to latest updated Start-Up Plan submitted by AllenCo Energy).

AQMD has not received any odor complaints in the last month. AQMD reviewed the records from Rule 1148.2 and did not find any reports filed by AllenCo Energy to comply with Rule 1148.2 (likely because they have not done any activities covered under Rule 1148.2 since the rule was developed).

LA City Attorney is waiting for the Start-Up Plan to be approved before moving forward with finalizing plan to outreach to community regarding activities at AllenCo Energy. City Attorney will reach out to Esperanza Community Housing after the Start-Up Plan is finalized to work on outreach plan.

CARB SNAPS reported that community engagement is beginning around the Baldwin Hills site and that monitoring at first site in Northern California is also about to begin.

Esperanza Community Housing (Esperanza) reported that some people have been experiencing odors of gas and rotten eggs in the morning hours, around 8-10AM.

DPH reported that air monitoring and air quality reporting meeting was held last month and that a future meeting in June will be planned.

Discussion Related to Stakeholder Concerns

Esperanza raised the issue of disclosure of chemicals that are or may be stored and/or used on the AllenCo Energy site. Esperanza is developing a community-based emergency response plan and needs to know the types of chemicals that are onsite in order to plan. The issue of a list of chemicals was raised at the last meeting and Esperanza expected the participating agencies to provide any lists that they might have so that the community can complete an informed emergency planning process. If the stakeholders and agencies are meeting together, it seems like agencies should be willing to provide more information, and make it easier to access that information.

Discussion points made:

AQMD would only have chemicals reported as a part of Rule 1148.2. The Rule is only applicable to certain well activities.

Chemicals reported under Rule 1148.2 will differ from site to site so there is no way to know if AllenCo Energy would need to do any of the activities covered under 1148.2 and, if they did, what chemicals they might use.

LA City is the CUPA and so would have access to a list of chemicals that are maintained on-site. There is a list available on the CalEPA Regulated Site Portal that was submitted by AllenCo Energy in February 2019.

Operators are also required to report chemicals used during well stimulation to DOGGR. DOGGR may also have some information on chemicals based on the waste water treatment plan.

LA City Petroleum Administrator is working on a Health Setback Study that will include chemical lists.

Active sites within the La Cienega Field may shed some light on the chemicals typically used in this particular field.

Follow-Up

AQMD: Send a link to 1148.2 website where people can search for reports from a given site

City Attorney: Continue follow up with City Fire to secure participation in future meetings; determine if chemical inventory submitted to CERS can be provided to Esperanza.

LA City Petroleum Admin: Send Murphy and Jefferson site Facility IDs to AQMD; Will work on educational presentation about how oil operations work that can be provided to non-technical members of this group

DPH: Set up air quality monitoring and reporting follow-up meeting for mid-June.

All Agencies: Determine if have any list of any chemicals that are currently on site or that have in any other way been reported to the agency; Determine how to make those lists available to members of this group; Brainstorm other possible pieces of information that are relevant to community-based emergency planning and how that information can be communicated to stakeholders; Report on lists that each agency has and/or ideas at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 9:30AM; Location TBD (but hopefully City Hall East)